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from Petersburg and
the marvelous coin-
collection in the Hermitage
Edward T. Newell
and Dr. Hermann Feith
who met Mr. N. by chance.
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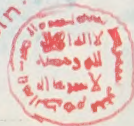
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September 1st, 1914.

Mr. Edward T. Newell,
Halesite,
Long Island, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Newell:-

I am herewith sending my further remarks upon the work done during the past month. Considering everything, progress, as regards classifying, &c., has gone along in good shape.

Miss Holding, my stenographer, has been obliged to stay home for the past ten days, and probably will be away ten days more. Her work while here was largely given over to assisting me in labelling boxes.

We have purchased during the past month 96 coins, chiefly copper coins of the low countries during the Spanish occupation, a series we were very weak in. Two Indian Peace Medals have been purchased from the Peace Medal Fund, as well as some more of the coins issued by the Constitutionalists in Mexico.

The gifts during the past month have been 85 coins, 4 medals, 6 pieces of paper money, and three ballots of Jefferson Davis to go with our Confederate paper money. The most interesting gift received was a medal in bronze commemorating the opening of the Cape Cod Canal.

Nothing has been done on the Journal. Up to date no manuscripts have come in, though a number of people have been written to.

The writer would like to see you at your convenience, and begs to remain,

Very truly,

July 17th

My dear Wood.

Your letter with enclosures
hit me this morning. Many thanks!

Concerning that marvellous "Diodesian"
medal would say it existed only
in the fevered imagination of a
Golzius. At least I never heard
of such a remarkable specimen. I
expect to be able to get up to the

Society Saturday morning. I will
stop at my room in the Metro Tower
and look up in Greecchi's Corpus
to see if by any chance there could
be such a piece - and will then
report to you later on in the
morning - that is if you are
in your lair on a warm
Saturday morning in July.

Please pass the good word to
Mr. Belden - I believe he has

some things he would like to talk over with me.

Also I have secured a very interesting article on certain Seleucide coins from Seltman. His MSS and a box of 12 casts came this morning. I will bring them with me on Saturday.

If this could be put in the Journal this time I think it would help.

Anyway I leave that for you to

Judge when you see the stuff.

Have been dipping casts and am all over yellow - can't you invent something a little less ubiquitous than ochre? Yesterday afternoon, much to Mrs Newell's and her friends scandal, I dropped a cast into the 4 o'clock tea - to see if that was any use. It broke up the tea party but didn't do the cast much good - it was too weak I guess.

Will see you Saturday, Sincerely Edw. T. Newell

February 14, 1916.

Mr. E. T. Newell
Plaza Hotel,
New York.

Dear Newell:-

I saw Boyd Friday night and he refused absolutely to accept the chairmanship of the Paper Money Committee. He gave two reasons. One that he did not have the time to do justice to the Committee and the other reason was that he has no sympathy with our Committee as they are. He seems to have more of a chip on his shoulder than ever.

I have just received from my Paris friend a number of these coins from Harrar. Unfortunately none of them are for sale. I will show them to you the next time your are up.

I think you said that you had a small coin with the swastika in the center of a star or flower device. You saw a cut of it on my desk the day you were up. If you can I wish you would make me a plaster cast. Also if you have any of those Sassanian or early Mohammedan coins of the same type with the countermark of a harpie, I wish you could give me an impression of one. Also if you have a coin of Damestium with a swastika on it. You will find the piece in H. M. Thessaly, plate XVI n. 5.

I remain,

Very truly yours,

March 6th

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
BROADWAY AND ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIXTH STREET
NEW YORK

Dear Wood

I have gotten off to Mariner the first two galley proofs corrected.

Unfortunately it was impossible for me, with the type of material I had to handle, to make my plate numbers consecutive - as I was able to do with the Antioch article.

I personally would have no objections to leaving matters as they stand and have my reprint plates read XI - XX etc instead of going to the trouble and no doubt considerable expense to have the plate numbers all changed for 100 reprints only.

I notice for instance, that in a selection
of reports from the New Province
which I possess the language is
much more the substance of the matter
and the facts themselves than in
as they are in the Province they
with this present to indicate me
I am inclined to be pessimistic
particularly as the Province is still
a very far from a serious and not
an activity in itself.

I note the prices quoted by the
bookstore 3. and as I only have
122 reports till then to 70 also
at their estimation of 435 per page.

50 copies I hope you informed
them this morning that if their papers
were covered the picture they wanted
for the 30th and 31st June Paul
where we would be intended to see.
There are perhaps some for the large
amount of money we have
intended to see! I think so!

It would be well for them to
at least partly cover of pounds
so that we can pay, and the
other side to the other side - and
at the same time not to pay
mistakes.

I do not think we will be able

June 10th, 1916.

Mr. Edward T. Newell, President,
The American Numismatic Society,
New York City.

Dear Sir:-

I have gone over very carefully the collection of Mr. Nelson P. Pehrson, which has been deposited in this Society for the purpose of being obtained by us. I have also had Mr. Kohler appraise the larger part of this collection, and going over the figures made by Mr. Kohler and myself, have placed the value of five hundred thirteen dollars and twenty cents (\$513.20) on these coins which number four thousand, six hundred thirty six (4,636) specimens.

Both Mr. Kohler and myself have borne in mind to value these coins at a fair, liberal price. We both feel that this price of \$513.20 is more than he could get selling the collection outright to a dealer, or placing it in an auction sale.

The collection consists largely of copper coins of all countries. Many of them are but common and ordinary specimens, and there are a large number of medium priced coins with now and then a piece of considerable rarity.

From a casual survey of this collection I should judge that a very large number, considerably more than half and possibly running up to nearly three quarters, are lacking in the Society's cabinets, which, as you may know, is represented by the better class of coins rather than the more common and ordinary class.

Very sincerely yours,

Curator.

February 15th, 1918.

My dear Havell:-

Your two letters came to hand together with the proof, and I will look after the various things in it. I have been waiting to get a good chance to take the whole matter up with Peilly, and get him commit himself just what he wants to do as he is Chairman of the Publication Committee.

Things have been going along here in the usual way and nothing very exciting has happened.

The Club meeting was very good. Dr. Nies was there and showed a number of interesting pieces of glass. Your exhibit however took the cake. Proskey was unable to find his specimens. Nies talked first and explained carefully that they were weights. Proskey got up and talked like a school boy for fifteen minutes on how impossible it was to consider them anything but coins. I then got up and clinched Dr. Nies' arguments. Proskey died hard, nevertheless we buried him as far as the rest in the room were concerned.

If you should run into Saltus do not forget, if you so please, to take up that matter of a hundred dollars for the ambulance.

Valdo Newcomer's office address is National Exchange Bank building, Baltimore, Maryland, and his home address is 105 West Monument Street, of the same city.

Will drop you a line in a few days.

Very truly,

*Just called at Havell's
and saw the proof
and the two letters*



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Feb. 22nd

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My dear Wood.

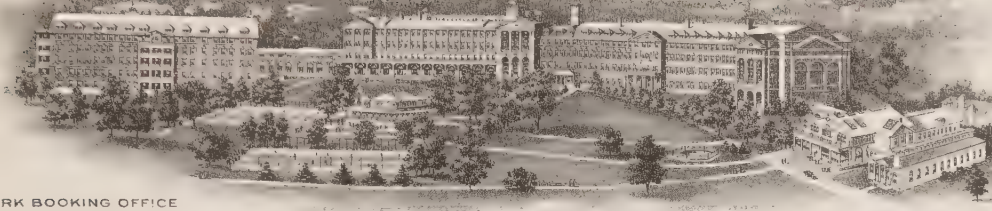
Coming down on the train

I thought of a reference not contained among the A's in Frey's book. This is: "Aryandic money or coinage". Or perhaps the best form would be Aryandus' money, as I haven't any books with me I can't make certain of this. The reference should read something like this: Aryandic money. The so-called coinage

said to have been issued by
~~the~~ ^{as} Aryandus the Persian satrap
of Egypt in imitation of the
royal Persian coinage. ~~do~~ ^{An account}

The purity of ~~the~~ ^{the} metal ~~was~~ ^{used} ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~oust~~ ^{to} ~~the~~ ^{the}
satrap's ~~coins~~ ^{coins} soon threatened ~~to~~ ^{to} ~~oust~~ ^{to} ~~the~~ ^{the}
~~this~~ ^{this} coinage to seriously rival
royal issues. Darius ~~therefor~~ ^{therefor}
suppressed the coinage and executed
the satrap". The reference

for this story I think is to be
found in Herodotus or Thucydides.
This ought not to be hard to
locate as much ink was spilled
about 50 years ago over the
controversy arising from the story.
I think you will find discussions
in the Num. Chronicle, and



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articles by Senor mant, Babelon,
Head, and others. I think Soverano
also discusses this in his Corpus.
Anyhow Mrs. Brett ought to
know all about it and
be able to find the references
for you. It is an interesting
and important event and
of course ought to be mentioned
in Frey's book even though the
actual coins have never
come down to us — or at
least have never been

spotted.

Do you think there ought to be a reference to "Archaic Coinage". One finds so many instances where "Archaic" money is mentioned ~~perhaps~~ there should be a passage explaining that the "Archaic" money lasted from earliest times to circa 460 B.C.

How about "Achaean League coinage". As you know there was such a coinage ^{very individual and} lasting over many years and issued from many mints and often, in fact usually, spoken of and treated as a whole.

Why not ask Mrs. Brett to think over the Greek series. I do not doubt she could

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suggest many new names
which have not occurred to me.

Please remember me
to Reilly - with best
wishes,
.

Edward T. Newell

P.S. The following too, ought to be put in to
explain the difference between ~~the~~^{two} very similar
terms:



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My dear Wood.

In the note accompanying the proof I forgot to say anything about the number of copies desired if you decide to go ahead with the printing. If the article is to be part of the journal I would want 100 copies printed extra for myself with a title page showing the article to be a reprint from the journal, and an indication that this is vol. I of a series on selected mints. If the publication committee decides to print it as a separate publication from the journal 300 copies at the outside I should say would be sufficient. Probably

200 would be sufficient - although in time there should be a certain sale for the thing, particularly if I am able to get out corresponding numbers on other selected mints so as to form a series. In view of this I would prefer to have 300 copies printed and sold as a special publication of the Society. In this case all I would want to have for some of my friends, would be about 20 copies which could come out of the 300 and not be printed extra. If you decide on the special issue the receipts can be put in a publication fund for the Society. But these details can wait till I get back.

Sincerely,

Edward T. Newell

July 11th, 1918.

Mr. Edward T. Newell,
The New Washington,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Newell:-

I trust you are not dying of ennui evenings after your strenuous days' work. If you are, and need soulful and intelligent relaxation, I have a stunt that you might do sometime for the good of humanity and the A.N.S.

A while ago Chaplain Roswell Randall Hoes, U.S.N., blew in here and said that the widow of an old chum of his had a most remarkable collection of Civil War and Grand Army Badges, numbering possibly into the thousands and if put end to end might extend a mile, and had weighed in the balance might look a ton in the face. The collection I think Belden has heard of, and we understand it is the best that there is. The Rev. Chaplain resides at the Cosmos Club, and said that if any of us were down in Washington he would try to arrange matters so that our representative could be taken around to the widows and view the collection. Here is your chance some day.

Did you see Mr. Huntington before you left, and have we a Vice President? Why I ask is because this question has come up. Various matters about our forthcoming exhibition should be discussed with some temporal head, such as a sign on the terrace or possibly out near the entrance. Now if Mr. H. is not vitally concerned in our welfare, I do not care about taking it up with him. If he is, we then can see him about this as a "much concerned officer".

Enclosed are a few letters that came for you today.

Very truly,

July 17th

My dear Wood,

They certainly keep me busy down here, and then some. Particularly so this the case because to keep fairly cool I have taken rooms some distance away from the office. So when work is over we have a habit of taking dinner down-town and then going to a show to forget our troubles. Letter writing has to take its chances at the "dog's end". As for as I am concerned the work is most interesting. They criticized me

the first day and finding out that
I had been in Egypt several times
I was forthwith presented with the
job of writing a monograph on
the subject with a particular view
to present my conditions there.
Incidentally the Near East has also
been turned over to me to catalogue,
study over and form opinions on the
daily secret reports that come in.
This is only so far as economic con-
ditions are concerned. It is most
interesting work and all sorts of
astounding material comes to hand -
lots of it, naturally, Bursaphum.

The other day, made an appointment with Collins over the phone and went around to look over his stuff before supper. The result being the enclosed pieces. The gold one I think is rare, but Durree probably has it. The Spanish dirhem, if cleaned, would turn out pretty well.

I wrote to Huntington the other day. Even if he refuses the ^{official} appointment, I intimated in my letter that he was to anyway and that you or Noel would ask for his opinion or his say-so under any conditions. So having thus paved the way you are quite justified

in going ahead.

Some day soon I hope to get in touch with the Rev. Hoes U.S.N. concerning his widowed friend's collection of Civil War stuff.

I am now working on the table of monograms and hope to get it off soon.

The next to the last cut on Plate XIII is a coin of Tigranes, simply placed there to show the type. I think the best way is to mark it 'a' - but if you have a better suggestion let me hear.

Best wishes to all,

Sincerely,

Edward T. Newell

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Dear Wood.

This being Sunday I am trying to catch up with myself in the correspondence line. In this matter you certainly come first.

I am enclosing some corrected proof for Marvin with some additions to fill out the ugly holes left at the bottom of some of the pages. If you will notice I have corrected the pencil markings on the two cuts which I am here with returning. If the last plate (XIII) has already been printed and can't be rectified please make the corresponding changes in the text of the coin descriptions on nos. 460 and 461 so as to show that 461 is on plate XIII, 460 is fig. 33.

Marvin did not send me printed plate

proofs 5, 6, 7, and 8. If you don't need them I would like to have them. By the way, when you write to Marvin please tell him that in case he has several blank pages on the final form I can fill them up with various things so that they won't have to be left blank.

The last time I saw Noel he hinted he might get into something - so I am not surprised, only very sorry for the Society. I immediately wrote to Mr. Sidlitz and asked him to bring before the Council the matter of giving Noel some of his salary while he is away. I put it so that Mr. Sidlitz could gather that I, at any rate, was in favor. What the Council will do I don't know but I should imagine they would certainly make some allowance. Certainly go ahead and see that Noel gets his full check for August - that is only right.

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I also wrote Mr. Gidley about Wyman and am interested to know what the learned Council will decide to do. I only hope there is a quorum. Please keep me posted concerning Council and what Nae is planning. I do not wish him any disappointment but I hope the YMCA has a good stiff medical examiner who won't let him through! However, the main thing is that you are still with us and don't you dare get any war work bug! You and Wyman, with Nae away, will be doing exceedingly valuable and patriotic work keeping the Society in its place in the Sun - by which I mean that the Society is one of the few American institutions that are worthy the adjective 'Scientific' and is therefore continually upholding the promising

position America now holds in the
world of scientific archaeology. It
would be a shame to have
to shut down now and start all
over again after the war is over
and so lose the impetus we have gained.
So you see your real duty straight-
ahead of you. Ask Huntington if I
am not right in this way of looking
at things.

It has been hot as Hades down here
this past week and the whole office has
been knocking off work at 5 o'clock sharp,
Kaiser or no Kaiser. Besides that the
good news from the Marne has made
everybody almost too exhilarated to
work. The hours from 9 to 5 with the
thermometer going from 70° to 100° in shade
and no air stirring seem quite long enough.
Best wishes to all.

Sincerely

May 20:

Edward T. Newell

July 29th, 1918.

My dear Newell:-

Your letter just at hand, and I will send the proofs to Marvin to-night. I do not think he has gone far enough ahead on Plate 13 but what he can make the change. I am sending under separate cover plates 5, 6, 7 and 8.

This morning I mailed you proofs of the monogram so that you could have a duplicate proof.

Noe had a talk with the Y.M.C.A. people this morning, and it looks now as if he was in for it. They intimated that they would probably sent him to Italy, and that about the only thing that would hold him up would be getting his pass port.

I note what you say concerning my job of keeping the home fires burning, and appreciate your tender sentiments, but I may get some sort of a bug yet in order to get quiet and rest. I have threatened to cable Noe at the end of six months telling him to come back so I can take his place.

Our thermometers have been reading around 96. I will admit that you naturally have it warmer there than we do but do not for a moment think that New York is the Labrador.

It certainly has been some news from France lately. I have not been able to dope out whether it is you, Fech or Pershing the credit belongs to.

Did you get the coins from Chachati the other day?

Yours very truly,

July 31

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Dear Wood

I have been duly modest about things since I have been here, but I would like to draw your attention to the fact, since you gave me an opening in your letter of yesterday, that the great Counter attack of the allies took place within two weeks of my arrival at the War Department. So draw your own conclusions!

To-day came letters from Beatty and Sidely giving me an idea of what was accomplished at the Council meeting. As far as it went

It was fine but as usual the Council
managed to miss doing about half.

Anyway Mr Reidy promised that
the matter of Wyman would be taken
up at the next meeting.

The proofs of plates 5-8 reached
me safely this morning. It looks
almost as if the beastly book would
soon be done. Tell Marion to go
easy on the bills! and he needn't be
in any hurry about them. I'm not.

When you write again please let
me know Reilly's address.

With best wishes,

Sincerely

Edward T. Newell

August 2nd, 1918.

My dear Newell:-

I am sending you herewith plates 9, 10, 11 and 12. 13 will not be printed until Zerbe's plate is ready, so have patience on that score.

Your very modest views concerning the great counter-attack simply confirms my own suspicions.

It was Eidlitz's idea to put off until the next meeting the Wyman matter so as not to befog the issue. This will be attended to then.

I saw Beatty last night, and he took great pains to impress upon me the desirability of sticking close.

Reilly's address is Tendoora Cottage, Nantucket, Massachusetts.

We opened up the exhibition last night and had a crowd of sixty odd. Not as many as I was hoping for as we sent out invitations galore to army and navy people. Only one man in uniform showed up.

The greatest of events has happened. We now have a sign post at the Broadway entrance in front of the Indian Museum and another bouy half way along the terrace so that only a blind man can now fail to locate us. Though I still think we should have a third sign just beyond our own entrance in large white letters on a red background STOP.

I received several bills the other day from Marvin but if you say will hold them off for awhile, though let me know when your curiosity gets the better of you.

Everybody is now absolutely bewildered and lost in New York. The great subway river has broken over its banks and is flowing up and down new channels. To go to the Grand Central you need a guide from Cook's, a Pathfinder and infinite patience.

Yours very truly,

August 9th, 1918.

Mr. Edward T. Newell,
11th Street, P. O. Box 534,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Newell of the Military Intelligence Branch:-

Good luck to you and your Tables of Issues! I do not care which page you start them on, but I would like to have your article end on a left hand page so as to give the fellow that comes after you a square deal.

I went through the cabinets and dug out everything that I thought might have any value though I found very few cards with your black and red ink notes on them. If I am not sending you enough stuff sic me on to the trail again. I am also sending you the note books with one or two additional thrown in for good measure. You will also find a lot of acknowledgments which you can sign and mail, as well as a number of blank ones which you can sign at your leisure, and return any way you think best. I find that I can not send this parcel post, so that they got to go by Express. Will you kindly give me your home address or any address that you want these to go to. What value do you want me to put on them.

I have been having such an accumulation of work piled up on me I have put Marvin's bills on the bottom of the pile, but they will come to the surface some day, and you will get them sometime.

It has been rather warm here, and few people have taken advantage of the exhibition so far. I really can not blame them.

Wyman says he is on Proskey's heels for new Alexanders, but nothing has turned up.

Noe has been punctured and vaccinated, and is cleaning out cards of notes and scraps out of his desk and files. I can see where your humble Curator will have to be very much on the job for awhile until they call me as it now looks as if the draft was going up to 45, then I will turn the keys over to Heilly unless they catch him first, then I presumably will have to turn over the keys to Hubert, pull down the shades and lock the front door.

I understand you have been gunning for a commission. The Secret Service man was around here awhile ago looking up your record. Well I hope you get it, and get at least a Major or a Colonel which will be a very good substitute for Doctor, which they insisted on putting on your name. I see you still are directing the big offensive in great shape.

Very truly,

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July 12

Dear Wood.

My palatial Washington residence is c/o Mrs Blaine, 133
C street S. E. You had better send the package there prepaid.
Sometimes there is only the dark-complexioned house maid at
home and she probably has not much spare cash about
here - so prepaid I guess is preferable.

As I understand it, the new draft law will refuse -
at least for a while - absolutely to take married men
with children. I therefore feel the Society won't lose you or

Really get advice. If I hear of any such danger I will immediately call on Butler in my official capacity and inform him. You would both be dangerous elements to have in the way - in war work and besides the Nurses Home Society must and shall be preserved - Kaiser or no Kaiser.

I hope when the A.P.L. man called to look into my character and past history you said it completely damn my character. I have enough to live down as it is. What I am worrying about now is that this new regulation just passed about not receiving any more volunteers will hold up my commission. The only encouraging part about the whole thing is that

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no one down here knows just how to take the thing - so my application may go through in spite of it.

Our office was thrown into much excitement today as they went through picking out suitable persons for the Russian expedition. Everyone of course volunteered, but believe me there weren't many accepted. I was the proud possessor of just two Russian words "stakan chai" but the authorities didn't feel that "cup of tea please" would get me very far in Siberia - so I'm still in Washington!

Sincerely,

William L. Newell

August 15th, 1918.

My dear Newell:-

The package went prepaid to you yesterday by Express.

I have noted carefully the position you are taking on the self appointed Exception Board in reference to Reilly and myself, and will abide my time.

We showed me your letter this morning, and all I can say is I trust that you got your decision, that it is going so far along they can not stop it. I really think you need a very decided call down concerning your Russian vocabulary. You, the chief exponent of mimicry in this country, should have at least boosted our science to the extent of adding kopeck, denge, grivna and ruble. If you had added those words I have no doubt that you would have gotten through from Vladivostock to Archangel.

Thank goodness today is cooler.

Very truly yours,

August 20th, 1918.

Dear Newell:-

I have been trying various ways of getting copies from the Adjutant General's Office of the two forms of the Distinguished Service Cross and the Distinguished Service Medal just out. They have thrown me down most completely as I rather imagined they would because letter writing is none tooconvincing. I think if some one could present our case to the Adjutant General in person we might be able to get these. There is no reason why we should not. Bailey, Banks & Biddle, through some inside pull or other means unbeknown to the writer, have gotten all three of these medals right off the reel, and I should judge among the first that were struck. It seems a shame that they, a commercial house, should be able to get these when we are turned down so flat. This argument in a polite way could be used with the Adjutant General, yet in such a delicate way that P. H. & H. would not have their medals recalled. Can you dope out any way that either you or some high mucky-wuck with our interests at heart could call on the Adjutant General, Secretary Baker or some one else. I was wondering if Fred Keppel might not be able to suggest some way. If you have or are going to get a commission, it might not be well for you to handle this directly, but seeing as you put through this grand offensive in such fine shape one month after you got to Washington, you should be able to navigate this in apple pie order.

Yours very truly,

August 31st, 1918.

Dear Newell:-

Your two letters at hand and your long hibernation is explained. Glad to know you have passed your physical examination. I take it you are still on the way for a commission.

I had a photograph made of Plate 3 of the Numismatic Chronicle and will send it to the Times Sunday Editor, Mr. Johnson, when it comes from the photographer.

I will have the casts you speak about done over, in fact I am having them photographed and will have the engraver make the cuts from the photographs. He probably will do better this way.

I directed the Bank to send Marvin a check so that when your ship comes in you can make a check out to the Society.

I will order all the books except Deumersan which you have, and Neumann which we have. I have to apply for a licence for these which takes some little time.

The blue chevron came O. K. and many thanks.

I am enclosing a brief of the dope we are laying before the Council. As we may not have a quorum how would it be for you to look it through and send to Kisslitz your O.K. on what you want and give him the power to vote for you. I am chiefly concerned in having these things passed this month rather than wait for another month. I do not suppose you know when you are coming to New York on a flying trip.

Yours very truly,

Summary of things to be acted upon at the next
Council Meeting - September 5th, 1918.

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17 Applications for Membership.

The Bailey, Banks & Biddle Co. have asked for permission to show the exhibition of Army and Navy Insignia, probably around the Christmas holidays, as we expect to keep it until November or possibly longer.

Increase Mr. Wyman's salary from ten to twenty a week beginning September 1st.

The New York Historical Society would like the loan of our Washington and Lincoln pieces during 1919, February.. The permission of the Council is necessary.

Mr. Huntington thinks we should have a committee of Sculptors. As long as Mr. Herbert Adams, President of the N.A.D. is not a member, will the Council not consider making him an Honorary Member at this time.

The name of Mr. George F. Hill would be a valuable addition to our Honorary Membership.

Is not a minute of acknowledgement due the Bailey, Banks & Biddle Company for their co-operation in connection with the Insignia Exhibition?

September 17th, 1918.

Lieut. Edward T. Newell,
11th P. O., Box 534,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Newell:-

Your two favors just at hand, and I was sorry not to have seen you again. One reason you looked good to me in your new uniform, the other I wanted to talk over the ways and means as to how we could get the Distinguished Service Cross and the Medal from the Government. You have all the data. Being an officer I suppose you are precluded from doing such campaigning yourself but you might have an inspiration in turning it over to some one of our big and influential members. That strikes me as our only salvation.

As you know, we have made application to the War Trade Board to import certain German novels satirical in nature against this country. The Intelligence Department of this Board asked for some information, &c., concerning us. Wyman went down to the office here and had a very pleasant talk with one of the men here and gave him our Historical Sketch and last list of members. He also took your name as President therefore the matter may be referred to you.

It looks now as if Noe had no chance at the Y.M.C.A. but would have to go into the draft. He is out at Rutgers today seeing what chance there is in the Officers' Training Camp there. You know there is a possibility that I may have to change my work for something more essential in winning the war. I am rather up against it to know just what I can do towards pushing the Hun back to Berlin. When that time does come if you hear of anything or need an assistant, let me know. However I am not crossing any bridges until I come to them, though of course I would like to know where the bridge is.

The Y.M.C.A. just called up and wanted to get hold of you as your name had been given them as a desirable candidate for Y.M.C.A. overseas work. I told them you had beaten them to it, &c.

We have added quite a lot to the exhibition since you have been here. All of the Coast Guard stuff and the Public Health Service and we have been promised a complete line pertaining to the Boy Scouts. The Government, by the way, the same day as we, asked the Boy Scouts Organization for the complet-

lay-outs. One for the War College at Washington and the other for France. It looks as if Uncle Sam will try to steal some of our thunder. The more, the merrier.

I tried to jolly Elder Friday night but evidently he has taken a tumble and made no complaints or remarks that would lead to any sustained jollyng.

Thanks for the notes on the Indian gold mohurs.

I am enclosing a letter that came for you this morning, and am also sending the Yale Review.

Yours very truly,

October 3rd, 1918.

Dear Nevell:-

I am enclosing the Times article on the Czecho-Slovaks which do not bother to return.

A well educated and I should say once influential Turk was in today looking over our Turkish coins. His name is Murat Bey. His address 1777 Broadway, telephone Circle 4468. I am giving you this dope in case Uncle Sam does not know him. He has been here four years and is a refugee from Constantinople. He is a warm sympathiser of the Allies, and seems to think Turkey's future is assured if most of Turkey is made international especially Constantinople and Palestine. You can see by his title he must have been something. He knows conditions over there, and seems to be a broad minded well educated man.

The Committee of Public Information has asked us for ten photographs of the Belgian medal to send abroad. Our light and our medals are beginning to shine.

Yours very truly,

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
BROADWAY AND ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIXTH STREET
NEW YORK

Dear Dood

Chapman sent me a few coins
the other day of which I picked out the Orientals
and am enclosing them. There are a few
good ones we may not have in the two
big lots - but you will have to go the
dickering with Henry as he only gave
me the lot prices. There may be some-
thing among the single pieces of interest. May
the Society doesn't want please return
to Henry.

Life is so exciting these days I haven't
had the time to adequately answer your
last two letters, but a part to when the
last letter. I am sorry the former
was so short - but they were hardly long
it. Hope you are all well but wishes
to all. Sincerely,
Edward T. Newell

November 15th, 1918.

My dear Newell:-

Your letter at hand enclosing the Oriental coins from Chapman. They are an especially good lot, and I, after due dickering, will probably buy most of them.

Do not forget to look up the matter about the cords the French have given our men.

I was on the point of upbraiding you for letting the Germans cave in so soon, but your excuses on this point have forestalled any censure the Numismatists of New York might have given you.

Yesterday there blew in a very keen and intelligent French man in uniform, a part of the educational commission now in this country. He seemed to know Greek and Roman coins from A to Z. His name I did not catch. I told him to look you up as you could give him a good many points. He seemed to know everything about these abukir medallions, and has very strong ideas on their genuineness. I trust he will look you up, and you certainly will find him most interesting.

Very sincerely yours,

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
BROADWAY AND ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIXTH STREET
NEW YORK

My dear Wood

With all the hulla-balloo going on outside because of the Times (Herald-paper) early announcement of German acceptance of an armistice it is quite impossible to work - so I am dropping you a few lines until the uproar subsides.

Enclosed I am sending copy of latest Regulations. I also saw today that "Suitable Insignia for Reconstruction Aids" have been decreed but can get no Description of proposed insignia.

enclosed I am also sending note of new coin name for Frey's 2nd Edition. The name "Father of a horse" for the English sovereign is very evidently taken from reverse type.

This afternoon I had a conference with an American who was in Moscow and Petrograd until April 1918. He says he was in Moscow

when Kerensky sent barges loaded with the Hermitage things from Petrograd. Much of the material was stored away in the Kremlin and large portions appear also to have been sent to Nijni Novgorod. The stuff remaining in the Kremlin was looted or destroyed. He doesn't remember seeing any coins being hawked around the streets. There may have been saved - roped so. He himself had formed quite a collection of the early Katharine Siberian "Cartwheels" which early in the war were collected for purposes of melting down for the copper they contained.

The racket is now getting too much, so well quit. Even if the war is over our economic section expects to be kept busy for many months to come - our work is really only just starting. W. B. O. Field has just been transferred to our Division from the Aviation Section. He is now a Captain and I see him quite often as his office is on the floor above.

Best wishes to all.

Edward T. Newell

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
BROADWAY AND ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIXTH STREET
NEW YORK

Dear Wood

Have signed the enclosed letter to Pauline Galt. and am anxiously
returning it.

Please send coins to Chapman collect and if he should refer
him to me. He values them at about \$2,000 so just this
value or if the cost is not too much, otherwise you can
reduce value by \$1,000 and I'll take a chance of the things
reaching him safely.

I know there was something else I wanted to take up
with you but can't remember it now. It will come back to
me so soon as I mail this letter,

You have probably seen enclosed notice which
appears in the Numismatic Part, but if not here it is. Dr.

Hornaday and Paul Manwile's outfit sent to the interior.
Sincerely

Edward T. Newell

Nov. 19th

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AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
BROADWAY AND ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIXTH STREET
NEW YORK

Dear Wood,

I am here with enclosing my check for
\$595.25 to be divided as follows:

One Silver Albert Medal " 10

" Bronze " " 5

" membership (Daniel Norrman) 5
I was to pay

Remainder of Marvin's first bill 75
which I enclose

Part payment of 22 bills 500
\$595.

The remainder I hope to send later before
the end of the year. I am also enclosing
Marvin's first bill so that it can be receipted.

I am delighted to hear of the extraordinary
activity that seems to be happening in the numismatic
field. As you said in your marginal note
a committee has been appointed for the
Luther Award Medal. As concerns the committee
that is to look after the designs and selection of
medals, you must certainly appreciate that

It is in a bad way. Waterbury and Stone
do not join together at all well and the
lay stone to this somewhat varying and
low a way. By the way, but do you know
you are not to be expected to be there -
I should soon! I certainly think some
one else would be appointed to this com-
mittee to make it work and Beatty and
Reid are the best for the job. Unless some-
thing else comes up they may consider the
bestly appointed if they think it needs both
bids. In other words they may fight it
out among themselves whether they should
both belong or may not.

As far as the peace medal goes, very likely
there will be a competition - but if
things happen too quickly we must remember
that Victor Simon has already given
several designs. This would diminish the
midnight work if we have to get out the
medal in a hurry.

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
BROADWAY AND ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIXTH STREET
NEW YORK

As I wrote Reilly yesterday our new member
Mears is going to New York this week and has
promised to drop in and look us over - so keep
your eyes open for a plump young man
with a humorous manner. He seems
sorry that he has not yet received his bill
of fare - you can probably set his mind at
rest. He knows a lot of men down in S
America who would either make valuable con-
tributions into the Society or attract members.
Mears gave me the names of several but
I haven't written to them properly because
I didn't know what to write about. For right-
about these names and story from Mears
and perhaps we can hope with some
white and glowing questions to put to
the Peruvian Hidalgos.

Tell me what is the general impression

in the Society, especially our own
Decorations, ^{which} we are going to keep them
in good shape? I have done nothing
more about the fund as I can't afford
at present to pay for some 300 specimens
particularly if we are going to cross the cabinet
and collection.

I am enclosing a few things culled from
the "Illustration" which may be of interest.

Have you heard from Schumann lately?
The British people ought soon to raise
the money for war needs.

With best wishes to all and congratulations
to Agnes - and myself that the war
didn't come to the point of dragging you
from the society.

Travelling

Edmund T. Howell

November 19th, 1918.

My dear Newell:-

Your letter at hand enclosing check for \$595.00, and I will see that this is distributed as per your request.

Reilly is away now as Jury-Man on a murder trial, but I will sic him on to the medals as quickly as he gets back.

I will certainly be on the look out for Means, and will see that he works around here to his heart's content. Tell him not to worry about his bill as his dues are not due until January 1st.

I made a note about Spicer-Simson's design for a Peace Medal. He called me up the other day and said that he heard such a thing in the wind.

The Frenchman with the Educational Commission here is Lt. Seymour de Ricci. Personally I have never heard of him but he seems to be such a thorough scholar you most likely know all about him.

Just what will become of our exhibition I do not know. The plan now is to send it to Bailey, Banks & Biddle after the first of the year. When they get through with it I suppose we will pack up all of the embroidered stuff, caps, &c, and my idea is to either sell it or give it to the National Museum. The metal cut outs are loaned to us by Bailey, Banks & Biddle, and they would be eventually returned to them. Anything of a medal or badge we will keep.

I had a line from Shulman a couple of weeks ago, and he seemed very much pleased with the wallop our men were giving Fritz. He said conditions in Holland were a little better.

I am on the point of writing Noe and find out his intentions, and will let you know as soon as I hear.

Sincerely yours

In replying refer to

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

November 30th. 1918

My dear Mr. Wyman :-

Thanks for your letter of the 27th concerning the December Archaeological meetings. If at all possible I certainly hope to be in New York for the Holidays. Prospects, however, look a little gloomy at present. Last year only Christmas Day and New Year were given the officers; it may be different this year as the War has been practically called off - but we are none-the-less kept mighty busy and will be until the final peace is signed, as our office is furnishing the dope for the Army representatives at the Conference.

If I can get to the city, I will be only too glad to have my collection open for inspection to the learned archaeologists, and myself preside to answer any embarrassing questions they might ask. However, even if I cannot get up to show my own things, the Society is so well furnished with important classical coins from the Morgan Collection that the Archaeologists will certainly not be disappointed. Out-of-town members have never seen these particular specimens, and, I am sorry to say, a great many of our home members have also not availed themselves of the opportunity presented to them last year.

I hope you have quite recovered from your unpleasant attack of the 'flu' which Wood said had descended upon the Society Staff and put them out of business for a while.

If you see Dr. Whicher please remember me to him and tell him about my intention of being in New York for the Archaeological meeting if it is humanly possible.

Sincerely yours,

Edward T. Newell

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
BROADWAY AND ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIXTH STREET
NEW YORK

just a line to acknowledge receipt -

Any suggestion you can make to
Marine to hurry is very ~~much~~ ^{much} for
abroad will be thankfully received - on my
part.

Other sections of our Division are being
demobilised - but our section is being
increased as we are directly assisting in
the D- Peace Conference. In this con-
nection they handed me a job the other
day which has nearly put me out of

business — I prefer war conditions
to peace conditions any day! Our only
hope is that we may be sent over
to "assist" — instead of joining the work
here some 3,000 miles away. But
I am afraid this is a mighty slim
hope.

Tell Reilly to hurry up and finish
off the murderer so that he can
back on the job.

Chapman wrote me that the Bowie
coins had reached him safely — many
thanks for your trouble.

Trusting you are all well
with best wishes to Mrs Wood and the
two young ladies,

Sincerely,

Edward T. Newell

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
BROADWAY AND ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIXTH STREET
NEW YORK

Dear Mr. Noe.

Enclosed I am sending you a letter from our member Mr. Gallatin. This letter explains itself. The insignia in question have just arrived and I will forward them to you as soon as they are released from the red tape of this office to which they were sent. Please forward me as soon as possible some of the Society's best paper so that I can adequately thank the brave general. In view of Mr. Gallatin's enthusiasm and to encourage the good feeling between this Country & Cuba I think we ought to give the insignia (mostly shoulder straps and arm insignia) a prominent place in our exhibition room for, say, a month. Mr. Gallatin, I hear, is likely to be discharged any day and he will then show up in New York and

will doubtless look us up. So we must be prepared. It's too bad the war is over and the appropriate time for such exhibitions past - but I am writing the general that we are giving his insignia a special exhibition.

Sincerely

Edward T. Newell

December 11th, 1918.

Dear Newell:-

Proffessor Torrey was up here yesterday and spent a few minutes looking at some of our Mohammedan coins, and I proposed him for membership in the Society. He seemed much pleased at the scope of our collection, and I guess now that he has seen it he will make a point to drop up here now and then.

The other day the Estate of George A. Kittredge of Brookline, Mass., turned over to us a double didrachm of Alexander with a double headed palm tree for a mint mark that I think is meant to represent a thunder bolt. This comes out of the find that a fellah dug up and which was contained in four pots of gold. You mentioned this instance in one of your talks.

Did you ever hear of a Fred H. Rindge who loaned a collection of Greek and Roman Coins to the Museum of Fine Arts in 1892? I never heard of the duck.

A man from Lee Brothers just called up and said that they had a case of books for you sent by the Pennsylvania Railroad in 1916 from Kenosha. Do you want them? I think you once mentioned that you had lost a case of books. As I did not know what disposition you wanted to make of these I told them to write to you, which they stated they would do.

Very truly,

AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
BROADWAY AND ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-SIXTH STREET
NEW YORK

My dear Wood.

It is rather difficult for me to suggest anything about the award
Committee for the Peru Medal. Sometime ago Mr. Noe sug-
gested the names of MacMonnies, Weinman, and Flanagan. The first-
two names would appeal to me the most. Another suggestion
made by Noe is to my mind excellent and that is that the
Publication of Medals Committee should choose the judges and I
would certainly (if it is necessary though I do not see why)
indorse their choice. Certainly, in my absence I think
they should handle this. If they refuse I can - and do

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THE AMERICAN NUMISMATIC SOCIETY
BROADWAY BETWEEN 155TH
AND 156TH STREETS

NEW YORK January 11, 1927

Mr. E. T. Newell, President,
The American Numismatic Society,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Newell:

On December 10th there was discovered by Mr. Noe in a private collection a coin which he recognized as being a Morgan specimen. A check-up of this Collection was thereupon made, and six Greek silver coins and 29 Roman gold coins were found to be missing. These had been removed in such a way that their absence would not easily be detected. On checking-up, another Morgan coin was found in this private collection. We immediately got into touch with the collector, and he promptly turned the two coins over to us and got into communication with the person who sold the coins to him.

We later discovered that three Roman gold coins had been taken from the D. O. Mills Collection, which came to this Society on May 18, 1926. By the absence of these three coins we are able to place the date of the theft between approximately June 1st and August 1st, as the Mills coins were not catalogued before this date. These three coins are included in this list. The collector who had the two Morgan coins bought them about the end of July. We have had no contact with the person who sold the coins to the collector, but from what he says we should judge the man to be a Syrian or Armenian who bought them from some one else.

All but two of our coins have been mysteriously returned to this Museum by boys who knew nothing about the packages they handed in to us. We received them in three lots, as follows:

December 19th, 15 Roman gold coins, 12 of which we have identified as Morgan specimens, two as Mills coins.

December 25th, four Greek silver coins, making the total number missing returned.

January 1, 1927, 16 Roman gold coins, 15 of which have been identified as Morgan pieces; the other is a Mills coin.

This makes two Morgan pieces not accounted for, which are not rare. We are now in possession also of one coin that we do not know as being ours or not.

We have all here given this matter serious study, but have been unable to arrive at any conclusion as to who could have taken these coins. The adroit and careful way in which they were taken - which included taking all boxes and evidence pertaining to the coins, and coins of no very great rarity, and from here and there in the different trays - makes us think that only a person passably familiar with our collections, their lay-out, and our habits could have taken them.

In accordance with your advice, we have not pursued an aggressive policy since December 19th for the unraveling of this mystery, as we all felt it was most desirable to get the coins back and not jeopardize their return by a too persistent following-up. We are now awaiting your instructions as to what you consider the best policy to pursue.

Naturally, I have been thinking over additional means of safeguarding our treasures. In the past, we have concentrated against hold-ups, forcible burglaries, and the pilfering of occasional coins by the casual visitor. This theft apparently does not come under any of these categories, and it looks to me very strongly as if it were an inside job; that is, by some member or by some person whom we have reposed confidence and trust in. I recapitulate here some of the methods we have employed to ~~to~~ safeguard our coins, and herewith outline the way the coins are kept.

The building is wired with frequent push-buttons at various strategic positions to ring large gongs inside and outside of the building in case of hold-ups. All coins are kept under lock and key, and are shown (except in most rare instances) under supervision.

None of the coins on exhibition are safe, as all of the cases can easily be pried open. These can be made reasonably safe only at great expense; i.e., in steel cases with proper locks and heavy or non-breakable glass. The coins stored in wooden cases on the balcony are not secure, but for the most part are secure enough. These are, almost without exception, pieces of little numismatic or intrinsic value. The steel cases containing coins in the coin room can be opened with a jimmy. These cases probably are as good as any method. They are similar to or better than the methods employed in European museums. The arrangement of the coins in the trays therein is not of the best as regards permitting individual specimens by a person examining them. Ways are being worked out to make this more difficult, but there is no perfect system known. The best and about the only system in use is the watchful eye and memory of the attendant.

The English method is solid wood drawers with circular holes bored in and every space filled with coin or indicator.

The coins in the vault, though more protected are more concentrated, and consequently offer a quicker and more ready field to a plunderer. On account of the many and diverse things stored in the vault, this is very often open. A strong locked cabinet should be in the vault to keep the collections on loan more secluded.

No absolutely safe method can be employed, as far as I know, as regards the coin room on account of its construction, as any visitor is admitted right into the midst of everything with coins all around. The British Museum idea is the best I know of. Visitors are admitted into the center of a horseshoe counter and the coins are shown on this counter, generally a tray at a time, and an attendant is on hand with every person or group. I have tried to devise such a method for the coin room, or part of the balcony and coin room, but all are too cumbersome or block the facilities of the curator. Also, the coin room is used for a laboratory and photographing room.

The chief weakness of our establishment is the lack of adequate personnel and the wide range of the curator's duties. The British Museum has from four to six curators and two attendants with very few duties that take them out of the coin room. Their books are either in the room or are brought to them. Their visitors are ushered in to them. Their calls on the telephone are almost nil. They have, outside of Mr. Hill, no supervision or management of the rest of the museum and have few occasions to go into the exhibition room, or other parts of the building. We have a dual proposition in having members and visitors. The members have expected and have been accorded a certain amount of hospitality, which has perhaps precluded an amount of rules and regulations similar to those in force in large organizations.

The only suggestion I have to make, without changing the physical structure of the building, is a more adequate force for the coin room and a tightening-up on watchfulness if such a thing is possible.

It has been suggested that all of the loan pieces be photographed, or at least the more valuable pieces, as well as the more valuable pieces in the Society's cabinet. This has not been attempted on account of the cost, lack of time, facilities for doing it, and the disturbance of the regular routine on account of cramped quarters. Although this would not be a preventative, it would nevertheless be of great value in checking-up and in identification. For our own protection and records

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this should be done. To photograph the loan items alone would probably cost \$2,000 and would take at least six months, as the work would have to be done so as to disturb the regular routine as little as possible. This would necessitate the employment of a part-time assistant. This has been figured in in the above cost. To photograph the choicer of the Society's coins would make at least \$3,000 additional, or \$5,000 in all, and would take over a year to do. There would be a small continuous cost thereafter.

We have instituted a visitors' book for the gallery which all coming up on this floor are asked to sign.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Howard W. M. S.", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the left.

Curator.

February 19, 1927

H. T. Newell, Esq.,
American Numismatic Society,
New York City

Dear Mr. Newell:

For some time the thought has occurred to me that we might possibly get coins from certain regions that are but poorly represented in our collection by getting in touch with some of the explorers going out from the American Museum of Natural History. Personally I do not know any of these men and have not felt like imposing upon them any additional requirements.

Could you not get in touch with some of the leaders of these expeditions or some one on the board of the Museum, who might suggest to these field men to keep their eyes open for unusual coins, ancient, medieval, Mohammedan and coins indigenous to localities they go into, especially Thibet, the Pamirs, Turkestan and Mongolia?

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW:RE

Nov. 8th 1930

Dear Mr. Newell:

As per our conversation of the other day, I am herewith giving you the information concerning a bronze sign or tablet for our front entrance - this you wanted to lay before the Council.

Our original plan was to have two small tablets, one on each door, below the grill and above the panel. As the space is narrow the tablets would be small and would hardly show. I therefore had a design made for a larger tablet to set in the stone-work beside the door. This tablet would have raised letters with a somewhat plain border, and would be in bronze in color and style in keeping with the door, and would have to be bolted into the stone work. I am enclosing a rough sketch of the proposed tablet. You will note that the sign reads "Museum open from 2 to 5 o'clock". The question has arisen as to whether the hours should be the same as before - 2 to 5 - or from one to five o'clock. With our present force the old hours would make our problem a little simpler than if we instituted the longer period of keeping open. Also, heretofore the Museum has been closed to the public on Monday; as a consequence visitors unacquainted with this rule have been turned away. Personally I see no good reason for closing the Museum on Monday. A decision on this point should be made before the order for the tablet is placed.

Respectfully submitted,

Curator.

September 12, 1931.

Mr. E. T. Newell
Halesite, K. I.

Dear Mr. Newell:

The lost has been found. Shortly after you left, I instituted a search and found the missing papers and coins on a table in the reading room. I will put these down on the desk in your outer office.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

December 2, 1931.

Mr. Edward T. Newell
Halesite, L. I.

Dear Newell:

Mr. Heye just handed me these papers. Not being conversant with everything that has gone before, I am a little cagey and also polite in allowing you to sign first. You evidently are to sign your name as indicated on the fourth page and before a notary on the last page. Get these back to me as soon as possible and I will sign up and see that Heye gets them at once.

Very truly yours,

HW:JC

June 7, 1932.

Dear Newell:

Mr. Huntington blew in for a few minutes yesterday. He had nothing definite to say but I should judge he will be in town for a short while. Therefore if you want to see him on anything special you might get in touch with him.

Very truly yours,

WJG

September 21, 1932.

Dear Newell:

Schmall just telephoned me that he would like to have you look over with the privilege of purchase by you of anything you might want of a lot of ancient coins he is going to send to Europe. He is anxious to make an appointment with you for Saturday afternoon. I told him that I very much doubted if you would be in but he seemed to think if you knew of it it would be well worth your while. He is going to call up again Friday afternoon and if you have time drop me a line as to what I shall say to him. Other days he is tied up with his school work until about five o'clock.

Very truly yours,

WJG



CHALFONTE-HADDON HALL

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.

Jan 7th

WRITTEN FROM HADDON HALL

Dear Wood.

With regard to the McAuliffe collection will you kindly write to ~~the~~ Dr. McAuliffe and give him the number of coins in the following categories:

- 1) Coins we wish to keep.
- 2) " which had best be sold by auction
- 3) " " " " " exchanged or turned in for cash.

At the same time will you kindly give Dr. McAuliffe a rough estimate of what the coins he proposes to give us are worth at a fair estimation? Please also

inform him that he will be allowed
to deduct this from his tax income —
he may not be aware of this fact.
Why I am asking you to do this is that
I was considerably surprised at the
large number of coins selected for us;
and for a special reason (of which I will
tell you later) I particularly do not wish
to "put anything over" on him! While he
generously wished us to keep coins we
desired, I am not so sure that he appreciates
just how many we want and I do not
want him shocked and disgruntled by our
grabbing a lot without giving him at
least a chance to back out of part of
his generous offer if he so desires. My
position with him is that I would be glad to pay
him for some of the coins we want (their value
would not be high in any case) rather than have him
feel in any way peevish with us. His address is:
Dr. Vincent A. MacLiff, 47 New Street, Huntington, Long Island.
Sincerely yours, E. T. Newell



CHALFONTE-HADDON HALL

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.

WRITTEN FROM HADDON HALL

Jan 8⁵

Dear Wood

In cleaning out some old "answered" letters
I found the enclosed which must have gotten
among them by mistake - for I certainly
never answered this one! Possibly in
the meanwhile the gentleman has got in
touch with you. If not, perhaps you
can help him with indications where
he can find information. Certainly we
save not the time to sit down and work
out mathematically the values in U. S.
Currency - That is for him to do for
himself! But possibly you or Noe

can know of some work that would
help him - don't
-

Sincerely

Edward T. Newell

January 10, 1933.

Dear Newell:

Your two letters at hand and I am setting Robertson on counting and figuring up McAuliffe's coins. We were planning to keep 370. We can easily do this. We can pay for a large bunch of the copper coins which will not amount to much. Also, we can pay for a few of the better coins. By doing this we can reduce the value of the coins we are keeping and also the number of the coins. Burnett telephoned me that the annual meeting, if agreeable to us, will be held on Tuesday rather than on Monday.

Very truly yours,

HM:JG



CHALFONTE-HADDON HALL

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.

WRITTEN FROM HADDON HALL

Jan. 29.

Dear Wood

The enclosed letter will explain itself. I suppose the coins mentioned have safely arrived.

I also received a letter from Dr. McAuliffe of Huntington who is in accord with what we have done with regard to his coins and authorizes us to continue.

We hope to return to New York again for a few days at any rate, next week.

Best regards to all

Edward T. Newell



CHALFONTE-HADDON HALL

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.

WRITTEN FROM HADDON HALL

Feb. 20:

Dear Wood :

The enclosed letter has recently reached me, but as I am not a sinologist I am forwarding it to you who are ! How about a short announcement of acquisition and a report on our new Chinese gold rarity ? Probably Prof. Latourrette has already written you too.

In thinking over the matter of the recent attempt to pry open another case I think that we must always have a man patrolling both exhibition rooms whenever there is even one visitor to our exhibiting. The next and third time that

this happens they may get away with something
and the Council then will absolutely see
red. I see no reason why we cannot
always have one man on the floor
from 2-5 P.M.
when there are any visitors. If we
absolutely cannot, please draw up a report
to that effect, stating reasons why, and it
will be presented to the Council for action
at the next meeting. The time to act
is before the horse is stolen. No doubt
you have already acted in the matter
but if not please do as we can not afford
to take any risks these days! And the
more gold there is out of the exhibition
uses the better until times get better.
Please reduce Mrs. Bretts display of gold
to the barest minimum.

I am also enclosing a note from Mr. Burnett.
He probably has also spoken to you about this.

Sincerely, Edward T. Newell

February 24, 1933.

Dear Newell:

Your letter at hand and I will do what I can in looking after the request from Latourette. Also, I have taken out of the exhibition most of the gold coins. Both George and Mr. Baker are on their toes watching people. I have made a note to lay before the Council the last episode.

I have been all week in the hospital going through tests, examinations, etc. and only reached here about two hours ago so have not as much to say and to report as I might have. In fact, I hardly know just where I am yet.

Very truly yours,

WJG

← Please excuse plots! Am anxious
to get my mail off at once!



CHALFONTE-HADDON HALL

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.

WRITTEN FROM HADDON HALL

March 13th

Dear Wood.

Recently I received a letter from George Bauer in Rochester asking about the Alexander coins which he sent. I had expected, while in New York, to go over these carefully - but was too rushed to do so. The hasty glance which I had bestowed on them previously, however, told me that the chances that I would find anything among them of real interest to me was practically nil. This being the case I think we had better return the coins to Mr. Bauer. Will you kindly

Have I returned to Mr. Bauer ?

I left a few (?) coins with Robertson

to be photographed. I wonder if he has finished them yet? I hope so as the parties requesting them are in a great hurry.

If they are finished will you please send the Parthian coin photos (obverse and reverse) to Prof. Michael Rostovtzeff Yale Station, New Haven, Conn. The photographs of the other two coins are to go to Dr.

Grace Macurdy,assar College, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. spoke to Voe about these pieces, so he can do it for you. Please send me the bill!

Hoping things are going well with you,
and best wishes for next week.

Sincerely,
Edward T. Sewall

March 17, 1933.

Dear Newell:

I have packed up Bauer's coins and sent them insured to him. I trust you are writing him a letter. Robertson did not appreciate the rush in photographing but these were gone yesterday and I will see that they are sent direct. I don't know just when I will leave but some time next week.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

March 18, 1933.

Dear Newell:

I am enclosing a letter that may or may not interest you. At any rate you might reply. As a matter of fact, I think this collection has been referred to us before several years ago and from Chicago. Certainly the whole thing rings familiar.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG



CHALFONTE-HADDON HALL

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.

WRITTEN FROM HADDON HALL

Dear Wood

The enclosed is a copy of a letter sent to Mr. Arnold's lawyers. Will you please have all Mr. Arnold's coins kept together, including the Mohammedan etc selected by you clearly marked as such.

The Roman coins in the ^{small} Vault can be left there — but don't let Mrs. Brett disturb them. Mr. Arnold apparently counted all his coins before sending them and the lawyers will probably want to see everything.

Best wishes,

Edward T. Newell

March 20, 1933.

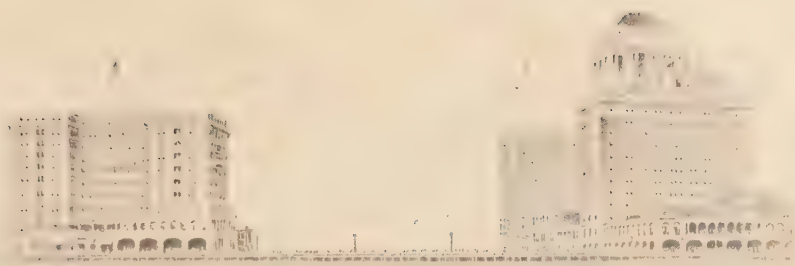
Dear Newell:

Your letter just at hand. As far as I know all of Arnold's coins are together except 37 glass weights which I have entered long ago, December 1931, and they are not in our cabinet. The 126 poor Roman coins that we set aside to clean were entered February 1932. All but 36 are here. Those are down at Columbia being cleaned. The 70 Alexandrian coins in envelopes are in a box marked with our name and I have put them in front of the Arnold coins. These were entered February 1932.

There is a registered package with coins from Ebeian of Damascus. It is in the vault. I leave for the hospital tomorrow morning.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG



(HALF) ONTE - HADDON HALL

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.

WRITTEN FROM HADDON HALL

April 27:

Dear Wood

I hope that this finds you rapidly progressing and able to keep and about.

Last week I was up town for a few hours, from time to time, and things seem to be pretty quiet there.

Among other things I found a letter and some coins awaiting me from a party out in California. These coins had been sent me through Wyman's kind offices - and I have thanked him for it. Unfortunately I do not

Know his present address and so am enclosing
the letter, asking you very kindly to address
it for me. Thank you!

The weather here is now turning very
pleasant and Mrs. Newell and I may
stay on another week or two. I suppose
you will be running out to your
country place if this weather keeps up -
and I am sure that would do you a
lot of good.

Please remember us kindly to Mrs. Wood.
Mrs. Newell joins me in sending you
a lot of good wishes for your early
and complete recovery.

Sincerely

Edward T. Newell

May 3, 1933.

Mr. Edward T. Newell
Chalfonte-Haddon Hall
Atlantic City, N. J.

Dear Mr. Newell:

Your letter came to hand the other day and I have forwarded Wyman's letter to him. I was in the hospital four weeks and stayed home two. I came in yesterday and I am here today and will take it easy for the next two weeks. Then I see no reason why I should not be on the job full time. Everything went along fine and I trust I now have a new lease on life.

I have been down to the country over Sunday, but the trouble is there is so much to do now that spring is here that for a while it really is better for me to keep away, which is hard, but if I try to jack myself up into doing only light work it will probably be all right.

I have just heard from Bolender and 18 of your lots were not sold as he received no bids. Sixteen lots brought \$22.35 less 20% commission, which nets you \$17.88.

I am enclosing Eidlitz bill for work done in coal bin and exhibition cases which we agreed would come out of the building fund. Whether or not you can attend to this before you come up I don't know. At any rate, I have passed the buck on to you.

Please remember me to Mrs. Newell and give here my dilatory thanks for the beautiful flowers sent to me while in the hospital. I think Mrs. Wood acknowledged these but as they kept me on my back twenty days without letting me up I had no great desire to do any letter writing.

Very truly yours,

HW-TG



CHALFONTE-HADDON HALL

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.

WRITTEN FROM HADDON HALL

May 5th

Dear Wood

Glad to receive your letter and learn that you are progressing. Take it easy at first especially in doing "manual labor" about your country place!

To-day (down here at least) it looks like a stormy weekend - so you may not have the urge to spend these days in the country. It has been pretty cold, too, for this time of the year.

Note the figures you give me for the proceeds of Bolender's sale. I can't complain these days concerning the figures we got for what he did sell, but the next

lot I think I shall give Elder because
he always manages to get something - no
matter how awful any lot may be.

I am writing to the Hanover people
to pay Eidlitz' bill - which certainly
seems reasonable enough.

With Mrs. Newell's and my kindest
regards and best wishes for your
continued and permanent recovery,

Sincerely,

{ Edward T. Newell

P.S. Many thanks for forwarding Wyman's
letter on to him.

ETN

April 4, 1934.

Edward T. Newell, Esq.
Chalfonte-Maddon Hall
Atlantic City, N. J.

Dear Newell:

In looking over some of your coins that Miss Sine is doing I've noted one of your pieces having a strong resemblance to the common Freightwanger cent made in 1837. I am enclosing photograph of the two thinking that if you wished you could make a short skit of these for Raymond.

I made a hurried call to Westport yesterday as we had word that the outside chimney had blown down and also the house had been entered. However, nothing was taken as far as we could see from the house. The chimney was down all right, evidently frost had gotten into it and a high wind toppled it over. I have to go to Boston over Sunday to attend to some things of my mother's.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

April 26, 1934.

Mr. Edward T. Newell
Chalfonte-Haddon Hall
Atlantic City, N. J.

Dear Newell:

The enclosed letter and rubbing from Henry Chapman is sent on to you for expertizing. I told Henry I did not like the coin. He does not say whether it is gold or silver. The headdress is queer and I can find nothing like it in any of the books. The nose is not in keeping with the style of the rest of it and the lettering does not look very convincing. It looks to me like an imitation of a coin of Yezdegerd I or II. If you do not mind, drop a line to Henry as to what you think of it.

Very truly yours,

H:JG

Curator



CHALFONTE-HADDON HALL

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.

WRITTEN FROM HADDON HALL

April 27:

Dear Wood

Have just received your letter.
I think with you that the piece is "phony" —
in fact I have always thought so in spite
of the fact that Prof. Herzfeld believes
a similar piece is quite genuine but
struck in Bactria — hence accounting for
some of the oddities in style and details.
But I am far from convinced. I take
it that the coin is gold — like Herzfeld's
specimen. Of course I am only speaking
from memory — I think the piece is like
Herzfeld's.

I would very much like to see the
coin — but am reluctant to write to

~~write to~~ Henry for fear that he will
turn up at the conclusion that I wish
to buy the piece! Which I do not now.

Would you kindly drop him a note
suggesting that he send the piece in
for ~~a~~ closer inspection and so that
I could see it when I return to New
York in ten days' time? He need not
know that I have suggested this.
I am afraid that Prof. Herzfeld is too
gullible and cock-sure when it comes
to coins. It would do no harm to bring
him down a peg or two.

Sincerely

Edward T. Newell



CHALFONTE-HADDON HALL

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.

WRITTEN FROM HADDON HALL

May 6th

Dear Wood.

The enclosed letter received this morning from brother Elder, and am sending it on to you for your information. No doubt T. L. E. refers to Mr. Robertson, rightly or wrongly. Anyway, I imagine that Mr. Marks would not wish to buy stolen goods - if there is any truth in what Elder says.

I was very sorry not to be able to get away today - so that could be present at the Huntington Library Trustees meeting tomorrow. I telegraphed Mr. Hays last evening when I found it was absolutely impossible. We had gotten

pretty much 'dug in' down here and Mrs.
Newell's strength was not up to completing
all her packing by this morning. She
just had to stop completely and take it
easy for a couple of days. So we
can get away definitely on Wednesday. In
that case I can attend an adjourned meeting
on Thursday afternoon - as I telegraphed
Heye. I would rather not have the
meeting on Friday or Saturday as the
Council meeting comes then and Elder is
having a sale on those two days. If
Thursday afternoon is not convenient
Mr. Heye could set any day or time
next week.

Please tell Noc that I will not be
back till Thursday - and please hold
all mail.

Sincerely

Edward Newell

May 7, 1934.

Mr. Edward T. Newell
Chalfonte-Haddon Hall
Atlantic City, N. J.

Dear Newell:

The meeting of the Huntington Library is for Thursday afternoon. Barnett was just in. I knew nothing about the stolen coins until today when I got a letter from Johnson. The coins were offered to Marx through a small dealer on the east side about ten days ago. Marx called Robertson in to see what he should give for them. I am sorry to hear about Mrs. Newell.

Very truly yours,

HJ:JG

Curator

August 7, 1934.

Dear Mr. Newell:

Awhile ago I received the following letter (copy attached). The goods arrived the other day and I attempted to clear them but as no Consular invoice was attached two of our officers would have to go bond to the amount of \$600.00 and fill out a lot of papers(attached). As the goods were valued at over \$100.00 there seemed to be no way of getting around this. I think the next best thing would be to refuse the package and have it returned to the shipper. The coins I have just learned from Mr. Noe are fifteen pieces from Pelekides, the prices of which are preposterous and we presumably would want none of them. This, however, is up to ^{you} to decide, as to whether we will refuse the package or not. If we do, have Mr. Noe send the letter I have just written to the Anglo Palestine Bank. Also, have him remove the Notification to Consignee No. 129922 pasted on the last sheet and have him write a refusal to accept and send to the Parcel Post Room, Ammairsers Stores, 201 Varick Street. I would do this but I am off on my vacation.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

July 24th

Dear Wood

As you probably know, Wayne Raymond sent a batch of coins to the AMJ to be photographed for his next sale. Among them was a $\frac{1}{3}$ stater of Rhodes (usual types: facing, rayed Helios, R. Rose in incuse square). If the coin has not already been returned when you come to-morrow, I wonder if you would kindly inspect this Rhodian gold coin to see if, by any chance, it could be cast. It did not appear so to me, but the edge seems to be a little funny for this type of coin. Instead of being rounded, it is square and is round with minute scratches. Something has been done to the edge - but just what I cannot say. The weight bothers me. It is just correct for a third of a stater, but these particular types were used for the half, and a third is a very unusual fraction.

This particular time. The style, while bad, seems
ancient to me and typical of the period. If so,
then the coin is either genuine or made by casting.
Anyway, I would appreciate it greatly if you
would take a look at the coin and give me
your opinion the next time that I see you.

Sincerely

{ Edward T. Newell

October 9, 1934.

Mr. Edward T. Newell
Halesite
Long Island, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Newell:

Mr. Heye is extremely anxious,
as you know, to hold a meeting of the library.
He would like to hold it on Wednesday afternoon
or any time Thursday - Friday being a holiday
and Saturday not being much use to get together.
Could you come in either tomorrow (Wednesday) or
Thursday?

Sincerely yours,

HW: JG

November 9, 1934.

Mr. Newell:

Mr. Seeler yesterday handed me the following memorandum concerning the cost of work on the parapet on the roof. The Venice Water-Proofing Works have the lowest estimate and do good work. They also do the work for the Fordham Stone Company. Their final price is \$330.00. This does not include painting and Mr. Seeler thinks that the whole job including everything would be between \$450.00 and \$500.00.

Howland Wood

October 30, 1935.

Dear Newell:

I took the liberty of opening the enclosed telegram and did not think it worthwhile telephoning you as a day or so difference wouldn't matter.

Very truly yours,

NW:JG

Curator

July 29, 1936

Mr. E. T. Newell,
Halesite, L.I., N.Y.

Dear Newell:

I am enclosing a postoffice notice which you can fill out to have the coins looked at by the Customs. I should judge it was from Rawalpindy.

Ansen & Company accepted our offer of \$107.00 and I have directed the bank to send me a check for that amount so the coins are yours the next time you come in.

Remind me to remember to give you some of the new Oregon Territory stamps. I had some here for you but forgot to give them to you.

Sincerely,

Curator

HW ks
ENCL.

October 7, 1936

Edward T. Newell, Esq.,
Halesite, L.I.,
N. Y.

Dear Mr. Newell:

The secretary of Mr. Elliott of the Metropolitan Museum just called up and would like to make an appointment with you for next Tuesday. I said that probably you would be in Friday and would get in touch with him.

His telephone is Rhineland 4-7690.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks

July 28, 1937

Mr. Edward T. Newell,
Halesite, L.I., NY

Dear Newell:

The enclosed letter was here when I got in this morning. This is something I cannot answer and I think it should have an answer. Would you mind telling him all you know or at least make a bluff of it?

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks
encl.

Oct. 7, 1937

Mr. Edward T. Newell, President,
American Numismatic Society,
Broadway at 156th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Newell:

Confirming a recent conversation, I have just interviewed Dr. G. C. Miles concerning temporary employment here to work intensively on our Mohammedan coins and he would be very glad to do this pending any appointment he might get from Princeton or raising funds to go back to Persia on some excavating. He is at present free to devote one-half or more of his time to working at the Society. I know he would be very glad to receive a salary of approximately \$25.00 a week.

You know as well as I do the accomplishments of Dr. Miles. While he has been working here the past year on his Doctor's thesis on the coins of Ray, we were both impressed with his knowledge of Arabic and Arabic history.

If you think well of it, I would be pleased to have you lay this matter before the Council.

Very truly yours,

Curator

HW ks